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## Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, all wheat, beef cattle, steers and heifers, and all milk. Prices decreased for dry beans, potatoes, and cows. The price for calves remained unchanged.

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in December was 98 based on 1990-92= 100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for soybeans, cattle, hogs, and eggs were offset by lower prices for broilers, lettuce, turkeys, and cauliflower.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 1999-Dec. 2000

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		December 1999	November 2000	December 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	December 1999	November 2000	December 2000	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	84.00	97.00	100.00	74.10	90.40	91.00	-
Barley, All	Bu.	2.63	2.50	2.58	2.25	2.12	2.08	34
Feed	Bu.	1.82	1.89	1.95	1.64	1.85	1.72	--
Malting	Bu.	2.72	10/	10/	2.54	2.41	2.37	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	15.40	17.60	17.00	16.10	15.40	15.00	30
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	4.85	3.70	3.50	5.44	4.40	4.56	33
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	5.00	2.50	--	6.22	3.88	--	-
Processing	Cwt.	4.80	4.50	--	4.86	4.72	--	-
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.61	2.53	2.60	2.52	2.83	2.75	28
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	59.20	60.10	63.10	66.60	69.10	71.20	45
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	34.30	33.90	33.60	35.10	36.60	36.10	-
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	68.90	73.10	74.60	70.80	73.80	76.20	--
Calves	Cwt.	88.00	95.00	95.00	98.60	106.00	106.00	52
Lambs	Cwt.	72.00	66.00	--	77.60	71.50	--	-
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	11.00	10.70	11.10	12.20	12.60	7/ 12.90	8/38
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	11.00	10.70	--	12.30	12.60	7/ 13.00	-
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	10.70	10.20	--	10.80	10.40	7/ 10.80	-

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.80, fluid milk 3.80, mfg. grade 3.96. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	November 1999	December 1999	November 2000		December 2000 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	93	91	97	98	98
Prices Paid	116	117	121	121	121
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	80	78	80	81	81

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## 2001 Winter Wheat Seedings Decrease Nearly 3 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2001 crop are estimated at 760,000 acres. This acreage is down nearly 3 percent from the 780,000 acres seeded for the 2000 crop, but equal to the acreage planted in 1999.

Nationally, winter wheat planted for harvest in 2001 is estimated at 41.3 million acres. This is down 5 percent from last year and is the lowest level since 1971. United States hard red winter wheat totaled 28.9 million acres, soft red winter wheat totaled 8.9 million acres, and white winter wheat totaled 3.5 million acres.

## December 1 Grain Stocks

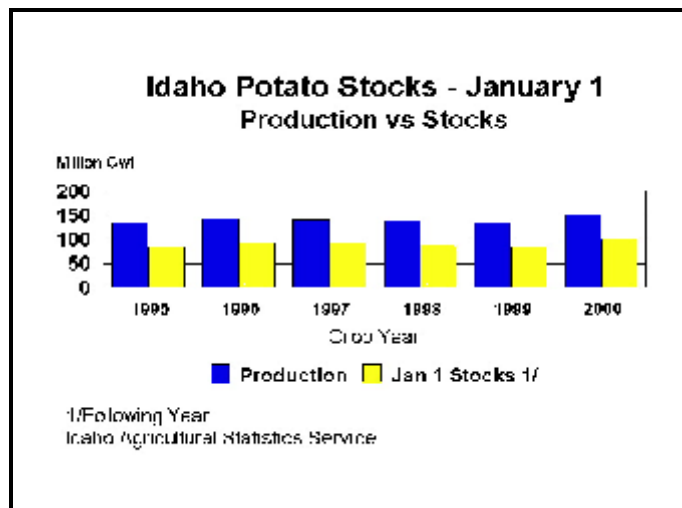
Idaho's December 1, 2000 stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 61.9 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year's 70.0 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 30.0 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's 35.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 31.9 million bushels, down 9 percent from December 1, 1999. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 35.7 million bushels, up 17 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 18.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 17.7 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year's 15.1 million bushels.

Nationally, wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2000, was estimated at 1.80 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year. On-farm stocks totaled 623 million bushels, down 4 percent from December 1, 1999. Off-farm stocks of 1.18 billion bushels are down 5 percent from a year ago. Barley stored in all positions totaled 229 million bushels, up slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 112 million bushels, up 3 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks accounted for 117 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year.

## Potato Stocks Up

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 100,000,000 cwt., 14,000,000 cwt. more than on hand January 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 52,320,000 cwt., is up from last year's 47,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 49,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 7,500,000 cwt., above last year's 6,700,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 92,500,000 cwt., was 13,200,000 cwt. above the amount stored on January 1, 2000.

January 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 273 million cwt., up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in January 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 59 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 189 million cwt., was record high. This disappearance was up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season.



## Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 1995-00 Idaho & 15 Fall States

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 <sup>1/</sup>
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt.							
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000					
15 STATES								
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960					

1/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

## Dry Bean Production Down from 1999

Idaho's 2000 dry bean production is expected to total 1.72 million cwt., down 19 percent from last year's production of 2.11 million cwt. Planted acres of 90,000 and harvested acres of 88,000 are down from last year's acreage of 105,000 planted and 103,000 harvested. The statewide yield is expected to be 1,950 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds from 1999.

Pinto production continues to account for the largest portion of the state's crop with 37.4 percent of Idaho's production. Garbanzo production makes up nearly 23.9 percent of the total, up substantially from 1999. Navy production accounts for 9.3 percent while small red production accounts for 8.6 percent. Great northern beans are next with 8.5 percent of the total. Pink production decreased to account for 4.1 percent of Idaho's production. Small whites accounted for slightly less than 2 percent of the total production. Light red kidneys, black

turtles, cranberries, dark red kidneys and other classes made up the remaining amount of the total production.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 26.4 million cwt. for 2000, virtually unchanged from the December 1 forecast but down 21 percent from 1999 for comparable States. Harvested area is estimated at 1.61 million acres, down slightly from the December 1 forecast and 15 percent below last year for comparable States. Comparable States can be calculated by subtracting South Dakota from all 2000 estimates and subtracting New Mexico from all 1998 and 1999 estimates. Production is down in 2000 for all estimating States except Montana, Oregon, and Wisconsin. Production for all classes except for garbanzo, great northern, and large lima is below 1999. Pinto and navy, the two largest varieties, decreased 2 percent and 35 percent, respectively from 1999.

### *All Dry Beans Acreage, Yield, and Production --Selected States and U. S., 1999 and 2000* <sup>1/</sup>

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
California	135.0	115.0	132.0	112.0	1,860	1,880	2,455	2,100
Colorado	155.0	120.0	145.0	110.0	1,900	1,800	2,755	1,980
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>1,716</b>
Michigan	350.0	285.0	350.0	275.0	2,100	1,500	7,350	4,125
Minnesota	205.0	165.0	165.0	150.0	1,550	1,600	2,558	2,400
Nebraska	210.0	165.0	187.0	156.0	2,000	2,070	3,740	3,230
North Dakota	630.0	610.0	570.0	525.0	1,450	1,450	8,265	7,613
Oregon	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	1,610	1,800	174	211
Washington	36.0	32.0	36.0	32.0	2,080	2,000	750	640
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>2,023.0</b>	<b>1,756.2</b>	<b>1,877.0</b>	<b>1,606.4</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>33,085</b>	<b>26,440</b>

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ New Mexico estimates discontinued in 2000. South Dakota estimates began in 2000.

## U.S. Dairy Products November 2000 Highlights

Butter production was 106 million pounds in November, 2.2 percent above November 1999 but 0.3 percent below October 2000.

American Type Cheese production totaled 290 million pounds, 0.7 percent above November 1999 but 1.7 percent below October 2000.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 681 million pounds, 1.1 percent below November 1999 and 1.5 percent below October 2000.

Cream Cottage Cheese production was 29.9 million pounds, 3.3 percent above November 1999 but 3.4 percent below October 2000.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 28.2 million pounds, 4.4 percent above November 1999 but 7.2 percent below October 2000.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with November 1999)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 58.3 million gallons, down 1.3 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 25.4 million gallons, down 0.5 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 2.12 million gallons, up 4.1 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 3.13 million gallons, down 9.1 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) - 5.55 million gallons, down 1.9 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with November 1999)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for Human Food - 101 million pounds, down 1.8 percent.

Dry Whole Milk - 6.08 million pounds, down 40.7 percent.

Dry Buttermilk - 3.59 million pounds, down 14.6 percent.

## U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U. S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2000 was 59.8 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1999, but slightly below September 1, 2000. Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head, was up 1 percent from December 1, 1999 and up slightly from September 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.6 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but slightly below last quarter.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the December 2000-February 2001 quarter, 4 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000 and 1 percent above 1999. Intended farrowings for March-May 2001, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period last year, but 2 percent below 1999.

### *Hog And Pig Numbers By Class December 1, 1999-00, Selected States*

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	As % Of 1999		Number	As % Of 1999		Number	As % Of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Illinois	420	450	107	3,630	3,750	103	4,050	4,200	104
Indiana	370	380	103	2,880	3,020	105	3,250	3,400	105
Iowa	1,160	1,120	97	14,240	14,280	100	15,400	15,400	100
Kansas	150	160	107	1,310	1,410	108	1,460	1,570	108
Minnesota	560	600	107	4,940	5,200	105	5,500	5,800	105
Missouri	410	380	93	2,740	2,520	92	3,150	2,900	92
Nebraska	380	360	95	2,620	2,740	105	3,000	3,100	103
N. Carolina	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,400	99	9,500	9,400	99
Ohio	170	170	100	1,310	1,340	102	1,480	1,510	102
Oklahoma	310	340	110	1,950	2,000	103	2,260	2,340	104
TOTAL 10 STATES	4,930	4,960	101	44,120	44,660	101	49,050	49,620	101
OTHER STATES									
Idaho	4	4	100	18	20	111	22	24	109
Montana	17	18	106	138	137	99	155	155	100
Oregon	5	6	120	25	26	104	30	32	107
Utah	70	80	114	450	470	104	520	550	106
Washington	4	4	100	26	23	88	30	27	90
Wyoming	18	29	161	87	79	91	105	108	103
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>6,234</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53,109</b>	<b>53,573</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>59,342</b>	<b>59,848</b>	<b>101</b>